

## **FEDERAL DEFINITION OF FAMILY LITERACY**

*Family Literacy Services are defined as:*

“services of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of sufficient duration, to make sustainable changes in a family, and that integrate all of the following activities:

- (a) interactive literacy activities between parents and their children
- (b) training for parents regarding how to be the primary teacher for their children and full partners in the education of their children
- (c) parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency
- (d) an age-appropriate education to prepare children for success in school and life experiences.”

Source: No Child Left Behind Act (including Even Start)  
Head Start Act  
Reading Excellence Act  
Workforce Investment Act (Adult Education and Family Literacy Act)  
Community Services Block Grant Act (CSBG)

*Note also the frequent use of certain terms to describe above components:*

- (a) *Parent and Child Together Time (PACT or PACI)*
- (b) *Parent Time*
- (c) *Adult Education*
- (d) *Children’s Education*